Prospects of water crisis

2310. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge water crisis is looming large over the country in the coming five-six years; and

(b) if so, what advance preparations has been made by Government to fight against the huge danger?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Project for rejuvenation of water bodies

2311. SHRI A VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal/project for rejuvenation of water bodies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and also the grant allotted to States for the above purpose State-wise, category-wise as on date;

(c) whether any State Governments submitted proposals for renovation/ rejuvenation of water bodies;

(d) if so, details including the proposal submitted, grant requested, State-wise as on today; and

(e) what are the details of criteria adopted for allotting fund to various States for rejuvenating water bodies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Government of India has approved a Pilot Scheme "National Project for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies directly linked to Agriculture" in January, 2005. The Scheme is approved for a total outlay of Rs. 300 crores for the remaining period of Tenth Five Year Plan. The scheme envisages taking up pilot projects to be implemented by the States. Funding pattern is in the ratio 3:1 (Centre:State). Central share of